

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

1.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide ~~according to claim 1 having~~
against SMAD7 comprising sequence (SEQ ID No 15[()]): 5'-
ZTXGCCCCCTTCTCCCXGCAZC-3', wherein X is 5-methyl 2'-deoxycytidine 5'-monophosphate
and Z is 2'- deoxyguanosine methylphosphonate, or the complementary sequence thereto.

11.-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising the antisense oligonucleotide of
claim [[18]] 10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of treating inflammatory bowel disease, comprising
administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of the antisense
oligonucleotide of claim [[1]] 10.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of treating Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis,
comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of
the antisense oligonucleotide of claim [[1]] 10.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the antisense
oligonucleotide is administered orally.

26. (New) The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 10 wherein at least one
internucleoside linkage is a methylphosphonate linkage.

27. (New) The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 10 wherein the oligonucleotide
comprises at least one methylphosphonate linkage and at least one phosphorothioate linkage.

28. (New) The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 10 wherein 2'-deoxyribonucleotides
are replaced by corresponding ribonucleotides.

29. (New) The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 10 wherein the oligonucleotide comprises up to 21 nucleotides in length.